

DESERT AIRMAN

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Friday, July 12, 2002

CMSAF retires

The service's 13th chief master sergeant of the Air Force retired June 28 in ceremonies at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

Though Jim Finch served more than 28 years in the Air Force, he will be remembered most for his three-years as the service's senior enlisted member.

"No matter what branch they're in, all of our servicemembers and their families are better off today thanks to Chief Finch," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley. "He understood their issues and ensured their concerns were heard and acted on by leaders both in the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill. He made a difference, and he will be missed — our military is stronger today thanks to him and the work he did."

As an advocate for Air Force enlisted members, Finch dedicated many hours to testimony on Capitol Hill.

"During my tenure as chief master sergeant of the Air Force, there were a number of important issues that crossed my desk," he said. "Through the collective efforts of many people, we were able to make some positive improvements."

Those "big ticket" items included the elimination of the "Redux" retirement system, embracing the aerospace expeditionary concept, increasing basic allowance for housing, targeting pay raises and approving a new dormitory

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All in a good day's work



Courtesy photo

Customs officers monitoring radar at the Domestic Air Interdiction Command Center in Riverside, Calif., detected an illegal Air Tractor AT-310 crop duster crossing the Mexico border into Arizona. The U.S. Customs Service's Tucson Air Branch dispatched a Cessna Citation interceptor jet and

UH-60 Blackhawk apprehension helicopter and forced the plane down in Cochise County. Customs special agents arrested the pilot and confiscated 830 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$1.6 million. For more on the U.S. Customs Service's Tucson Air Branch, see Feature, Page 14.

Officials launch online Gulf War research library

Officials from the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, announced the launch of an Internet site June 18 called Medsearch, a central repository of Gulf War-related medical research.

Medsearch can be found on the Internet at <http://www.GulfLINK.osd.mil/medsearch>.

"This Web site, a cooperative

effort in support of Gulf War veterans and their families, reflects the commitment of all three agencies to learning more about deployment-related illnesses and sharing what we learn," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.

In July 2001, the DOD, VA and CDC agreed to combine their resources to create this one-stop source of research information.



The development team worked with veterans and researchers to ensure that Medsearch was user-friendly.

Developers designed the Web site to serve the needs of both the layperson and the researcher.

The site is indexed with plain language topic headings so that anyone can readily locate information.

Those headings include topics of particular interest to Gulf War

veterans that may not be featured in other sources, such as pesticides and depleted uranium.

Scientists who want more specific data will find it on Medsearch as well.

The goal of Medsearch's creators is to place all the federally funded research into the illnesses of Gulf War veterans in one centralized place.

The site will be updated frequently to ensure it contains the most recent and complete information available.



Col. Paul Schafer
355th Wing Commander

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to **contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here.** Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747.

An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to

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New gym grand opening

Concern: Can you tell us when the new fitness center will be opened so we can use it?

Are you going to have new equipment other than the Body Masters that are in the old center?

Since it is a new government building, I hope it will comply with the American Disability Act to be wheelchair accessible, not only to the building but to the use of the equipment inside.

Response: Thank you for your inquiry concerning the new fitness center.

The grand opening for the new fitness center will take place Friday, July 19 with a ribbon cutting at 8 a.m. and an open house until 2 p.m. At 2:30 p.m., our facility will "flip a switch" and be ready to use.

We appreciate your input on the machines and concerns about the American Disabilities Act. The equipment in the new facility is brand new and the latest technology (some of which came out this summer).

Our main equipment consists of Body Master, Hammer Strength and Life Fitness, all top of the line products.

Our new facility is ADA compliant; we have more handicapped parking up front, all of our restrooms are handicapped compliant, and we have an elevator for access to the second floor cardio room and track.

If you have any further questions or con-

cerns, please contact our fitness center staff at 228-4556 or 228-0022.

How's the hamburger?

Concern: Why in the last few months has the hamburger at the commissary contained so much bone and gristle?

The commissary doesn't seem to have an answer.

Response: The Davis-Monthan Commissary Meat Department sells approximately 10,000 pounds of ground beef weekly.

All of the ground beef sold in the D-M commissary is purchased from National Beef Company.

It is ground twice through a "fine" grinder plate here at the commissary.

On rare occasions small pieces of bone or gristle may get through both of the grindings.

Whenever the meat department receives a complaint about any fresh meat product, the supplier is immediately contacted and told about the problem that needs to be corrected.

If the problem persists, further action is taken.

Although it is rare that our customers may purchase some ground meat that has bone or gristle, we do guarantee our meats 100 percent.

Any customer that is not completely satisfied with any cut of meat purchased at the commissary only needs to return it and they will be given a full refund.

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight performs structural repair, and inspections on 76 A-10A and 21 EC-130E/H aircraft. The fabrication flight also specializes in corrosion control, aircraft painting and sheet metal work. They assist in the 21 annual isochronal inspections of the EC-130 aircraft and manufacture hydraulic tubing, flight control cables and form metal assemblies. In addition to manufacturing, the fabrication flight designs repairs for metal, plastic, fiberglass and advanced composite structures.

(Right) Airman 1st Class Aaron Waugh drills screw holes into a panel that fits on the belly of an EC-130 aircraft while Airman 1st Class Marcus Brown holds it steady. Both of them are 355th EMS aircraft structure maintenance journeymen.



Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke

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43rd ECS members deploy for COPE THUNDER

By 2nd Lt. Donald Bugg
43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

The 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron deployed 91 people and two aircraft to Exercise Cope Thunder 02-3 at Elmendorf Air Base, Alaska and Eielson Air Base, Alaska, June 5 through June 22. Aiding the 43rd ECS effort were personnel from the 355th Supply Squadron, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 355th Component Repair Squadron, 355th Services Squadron, 355th Logistics Support Squadron, and the 355th Wing, providing support in areas ranging from fuels, to logistics, to cooking.

During the 17-day joint exercise, the squadron, led by Maj. Rick Mussi, joined active duty, reserve and National Guard units from the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Army in practicing the deployment of an expeditionary wing and the prosecution of a robust air and ground war. The complex exercise integrated several elements, including air and ground attack, high value air asset protection and combat search and rescue. It was the first time in three years that the 43rd ECS "Bats" have taken part in an exercise of this type.

Cope Thunder pitted a Blue Team (the good guys) against a Red Team (the bad guys); the 43rd ECS played on both sides, with a concentration on the Red Team.

"Our role was to use the Compass Call platform to provide communication disruption during employment," said Capt. Phil Acquaro, 43rd ECS squadron operations officer for the exercise.

"By doing so, we gave vital training to various air and ground attack platforms," he added.

Flying in a military operating area between the Alaska and Yukon mountain ranges, the Compass Call unit successfully flew two sorties a day for a total of 18, with 100 percent mission effectiveness.

"Achieving this success in the face of adverse conditions is a real testament to the profes-

sionalism and dedication of all involved," said Acquaro.

"There were a lot of factors, such as having our unit geographically separated at two bases [Elmendorf AB and Fort Richardson, Alaska], that could have caused problems but didn't, because of the way people did their jobs," he added.

Senior Master Sgt. Susan Lardner, 43rd ECS operations superintendent, commented on the closeness of teamwork, "It really brought the group together. The work was so integrated that we had a difficult time identifying individuals as outstanding performers."

As always, maintenance was vital to achieving success. The maintenance efforts were led by Capt. Felix Johnfinn and Master Sgt. Curtis Kusters.

Lt. Col. Craig Harm, 43rd ECS commander, attended Cope Thunder for the first time since the exercise was moved to Alaska. The trip took nearly 10 hours each way and included aerial refueling. In addition to making a lengthy trip, squadron members had to make a major climate adjustment, going from Davis-Monthan Air Force Bases 100-plus degree temperatures to days that rarely reached into the 70s, then back again.

But according to Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Sage, 43rd ECS first sergeant, the voyage was worth it.

In spite of a hectic schedule, squadron members were able to enjoy rare recreational opportunities in the vast wilds of "the Last Frontier," viewing glaciers, sea life and other natural beauties.

The Bats gained invaluable experience in Alaska, with more than 50 percent of participants attending their first exercise.

Acquaro said, "Cope Thunder was a tremendous opportunity to show the rest of the Air Force what Compass Call brings to the fight. We need to continue showcasing our abilities so people are aware of just how much we can contribute to the Air Force mission."

News Notes

Assessment completed

ACC completed an environmental assessment June 27 for the proposed establishment of a combat search and rescue unit at D-M.

The EA was required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to assess possible environmental impacts from the addition of more than 1,000 people, 12 HH-60 helicopters and 10 HC-130 aircraft at Davis-Monthan.

The analysis resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed action.

Lookin' good!

Every month the Davis-Monthan AFB Chief's Group presents recognizes airmen and NCOs who project a distinctive, professional military appearance. The following D-M members were presented Chief's Group Sharp Awards for June:

Airman 1st Class Rachael Nutter, 612th Air Support Squadron
Staff Sgt. Rachel Clark, 355th Wing

ASSIST

The D-M chapel offers a two-day Applied Suicide Intervention Training July 31 and August 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. The training focuses on skills needed to intervene and save a life from suicide. For more information, or to register, call 228-5411, or email randall.groves@dm.af.mil. Spaces for the class are limited.

Demolition

Demolition of Building 3503 will begin on July 18 and will continue through August 6. During this time Kachina Street between Sixth Street and Seventh Street will remain closed to all but emergency vehicles.

Seventh Street will be closed at building 3503. Access to the parking lot north of building 3510 will be from Ironwood Street and Seventh Street.

Road restictions

Periodic road restrictions are in act from now until July 26 in support of the New AAFES Gas Station.

Granite Street will be one-way eastbound between the Base Exchange and Craycroft. El Dorado will be one-way westbound between Craycroft and the Base Exchange. The south lane of Craycroft along the construction site will be closed, and the center lane will be used for southbound traffic.

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design for single airmen. Other improvements include turning around low recruitment statistics, improving retention, establishing the "First Term Airmen Center," and several advancements in educational opportunities.

Having spent 13 years in the professional military education corps, from instructor, to course development, to noncommissioned officer academy commandant, Finch is understandably concerned with leadership development.

"We tend to grow people through the ranks focusing strictly on their functional responsibilities," he said. "When they become chief master sergeants, we expect them to have a broader understanding of the issues.

"Unfortunately, we haven't done a good job on preparing people to handle the responsibilities they'll assume as senior enlisted leaders," Finch said. "The Developing Aerospace Leaders program is a way to provide a broad overview of the issues for our new enlisted leaders and to help them to be better prepared for their new roles."

An essential element to being the chief master sergeant of the Air Force is earning the confidence of the enlisted force, Finch said.

"A big part of this job is spending time with the troops," he said. "That's really important. If you don't connect with people, there's no sense in having the job.

"As I have traveled around during my tenure, one of the prevailing themes is that we're asking

a lot of our Air Force men and women," he said. "I'm often reminded, in open forum, that while we cut back on manpower, we haven't reduced the workload. The conclusion I draw from those comments is that we must find a way to reduce the stress we're placing on our force."

That issue, along with many others, will find its way onto the "to-do" list of the incoming 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force, Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Murray.

"I came into this job with a lot of issues pending — things we'd been working on as a force," Finch said.

"Some of those were executed during the time I was here and some were not.

"We still have a lot of things on the table," Finch said.

He said Murray "will



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch gets the traditional hosing down by his wife, Pat, and son, Brian, after his final flight as the 13th chief master sergeant of the Air Force. Finch took his final flight aboard an F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 113th Fighter Wing, D.C. Air National Guard, June 25.

have an in-basket that'll reflect the kinds of issues he'll be working on for the next three to six months, and there will some that will go on for awhile.

I inherited issues from Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Eric Benken and Chief Murray will inherit

some from me.

"This job is a sprint," he said.

"The job of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force is to come in and do as much as you can, as fast as you can. You then pass the baton to somebody else, and move out of the way."

Relax stress away at new MDG relaxation room

By Tech. Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson
355th Wing Public Affairs

A gentle massage relaxes muscles, low light and calming colors cause the heart rate to slow and the sound of water flowing over rocks brings blood pressure down— welcome to the 355th Medical Group relaxation room.

Open since April, the relaxation room is aimed at providing a place for D-M members to reduce stress, re-focus and improve their mental health.

It is located in building 4220 and is open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Relaxation sessions are offered in 30 minute blocks and the room features a specially designed reclining chair that has a back and leg massage feature, a stereo with tapes of calming music and nature sounds and a miniature waterfall.

There is even a television and VCR with inspirational and self esteem videos.

"D-M people often have a high degree of stress, and we want to be as accommodating as possible to offer services and programs to improve everyone's quality-of-health," said Maj. Nancy Klein, 355th Aeromedical Squadron

Health Promotions Flight commander and dietitian.

"There is a lot more to our programs than just cycle ergometry and weight management," she added.

The 355th Wing Health Promotions Working Group is the wing commander's tool to find and implement programs and initiatives, such as the relaxation room, to improve the health of D-M members and, in turn, mission readiness.

"Although the Health Promotions Flight is responsible for providing traditional health improvement and maintenance programs to D-M members, the working group looks for ways to meet the changing needs of Air Force people and also improve world-wide readiness through a fit force," said Lt. Col. Joseph Whaley, 355th Wing Chief of Staff and HPWG member.

"The relaxation room is something that has been successful at other bases, so we expect it should be successful here," he added.

A few of the present Health Promotions Flight programs include stress management, tobacco cessation classes, the Health for Life program and even nutrition and cooking classes. In addition, a needs assessment survey will soon be offered to all D-M members.

"The needs assessment survey will be voluntary and confidential," Klein said. "It will be used to measure and improve present programs and also to find out what services and programs people would like to see."

For more information on Health Promotions programs or to use the relaxation room, call 228-2294.

CS wins award

The 355th Communications Squadron was recently selected as the Air Combat Command Information Assurance Organization of the year for 2001.

"This is a direct reflection of the quality personnel we have at D-M. Everyone understands in order to have successful Communications Security and Network Security, shops we must be proactive," said Jim Cline, 355th CS Information Assurance, section chief.

Gen. Hal Hornburg, ACC commander said, "The team's pride, professionalism, innovation and commitment to excellence identify all of them as leaders for the entire command to emulate."

Accolades continue as the squadron was also nominated for the National Level Information Systems Security Organization of the year award.

Information Assurance is composed of two sections; Network Security and Communications Security. Network Security protects the base network from outside intrusions, while protecting the users from mistakenly visiting unauthorized sites. Communications Security denies unauthorized persons information derived from telecommunications and ensures the authenticity of such telecommunications.

Finance training pays big dividends

Officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here, along with experts from Defense Finance and Accounting Service and Air Force finance managers, trained people from every active-duty Air Force base. More than 200 people attended one of the three-day Military Personnel Data System sessions, which began June 10 and ended June 29.

People from military personnel flights brought actual problem pay records of people at their bases with them to the training. They not only discussed how to fix problems, they fixed actual records as they went.

One example of a pay problem was a staff sergeant who did not complete Officer Training School, but was paid for almost a year as a second lieutenant. The sergeant is now required to pay back the money. Another example involved a person using re-enlistment bonus money to make a down payment on a house, only to find the bonus was never deposited in his bank account. More than 6,000 pay records have been fixed so far.

"Our objective is to ensure we pay people the right amount at the right time, the first time," said Roger Blanchard, Air Force assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel at the Pentagon.

In support of that objective, people at the

AFPC are looking at ways to prevent future problems at the same time they are fixing current ones. The problems are numerous and sometimes complex. It is estimated that up to 50,000 airmen may have errors in their records that could cause future pay-related problems.

One group more at risk of having errors in their records, it may be people who have been through a significant job-related event in the past year such as promotion, change of station, re-enlistment or change in duty status.

With the goal of fixing people's pay, personnelists from the field arrived with an average of 100 pay records each that they hoped to fix during their three-day training.

"Coming here, going through the training and learning what should be done has made it a lot easier," said Staff Sgt. Kerry Onaka, from the personnel office at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Onaka, who brought 64 records with her, said the training has provided her with a better explanation of how the entire process works so she will now be able to share that information with her co-workers, and better serve her customers.

"Having a representative from DFAS here has really been beneficial to explain what I'm looking at [in the records] and what I can do

to resolve most of those problems," she said. "It's been good for networking with other bases too see how they're working their issues."

"Being able to read the master military pay account has helped us understand things that our troops have been able to do, what they weren't able to do, or what they just didn't understand," said Staff Sgt. Chris Featherston, a personnelist from Little Rock AFB, Ark. "This should be able to curb a lot of the minor problems."

Meanwhile, senior leaders have formed the personnel pay council to ensure the systems and processes work to get airmen the correct pay.

"It's not the member's fault that his or her pay record is not correct," said Blanchard. "We understand that and accept the responsibility to fix that and we don't need to have the members bearing the bulk of pain and suffering associated with that by being directed back and forth between offices."

Other Air Force initiatives include a dedicated pay team that works with military personnel flights to fix records on a continuing basis, distance learning training broadcasts for personnelists, and the establishment of a joint personnel/pay contact center here that tracks pay issues. The contact center can be reached by e-mail at contact.center@randolph.af.mil or by phone at (800) 558-1404 or DSN 665-2949.

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Former D-M A-10 soars past 9,000 flying-hour mark

By Senior Airman Travis Riley
4th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A prizefighter, that's what Master Sgt. Rodney Houge calls Old Glory, an A-10 Thunderbolt II assigned to the 23rd Fighter Group at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

Houge, a member of the 23rd Maintenance Squadron and former crew chief for the aircraft from 1986 to 1990, has good reason to use the term — Old Glory passed the 9,000 flying-hours mark April 15. That's at least 2,000 hours more than any other fighter aircraft in Air Force history.

Lt. Gen. Bruce Wright, Air Combat Command vice commander, commemorated the achievement June 21 at Langley Air Force Base, Va., by presenting a plaque to Col. Vincent Wisniewski and several maintainers from the 75th Fighter Squadron in front of Old Glory. Wisniewski, 23rd FG commander, flew the aircraft on its historic flight.

"It's all about the people who bring this aircraft to the fight and sustain it as long as it takes to win the fight," Wright said.

Old Glory initially entered service Feb. 12, 1980, at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. In 22 years of service, the aircraft flew combat missions in operations Desert Storm and



Photo by Senior Airman David Miller

Southern Watch, and deployed with the 23rd FG for Operation Allied Force.

"The A-10 is everything about air power, everything about being a warrior, and there's no better flagship in our Air Force for what it means to take combat power to the enemy wherever they are," Wright said. "Only a country that's founded on the ideal that all men and women are created equal can generate the in-

novation, the enthusiasm and the fearlessness that it takes to fly and sustain the combat power that the A-10 represents."

Capt. Andy Huntoon, the sortie generation flight commander with the 75th, said Old Glory's still around because maintainers work hard to keep it flying.

"The aircraft has seen 22 modifications, and most recently received a night-vision-goggle upgrade," Huntoon said, "but Old Glory has made it through the years only because of the airmen who have maintained her."

The fact that Old Glory and the rest of the A-10 fleet are still around is amazing to some people who work with the aircraft.

"There have been instances when pilots have flown one of these monsters back after its wings were almost destroyed," Houge said.

It's not just the precarious missions that have people surprised. It's that the Air Force has put the airframe on the chopping block in the past. The A-10 fleet was first scheduled for elimination in 1990, but proved its dominance in close air support during Operation Desert Storm and was saved.

"They're like prizefighters — just when you think they're down for the 10-count, they always seem to be standing by 9, ready to go another round," Houge said.

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Staying close to NCOs

By Col. Fran Hendricks
355th Support Group

Immediately following my commissioning as a second lieutenant, a retired senior NCO and seasoned combat veteran offered me the following advice: "Find a good NCO and stay close."

With those words in mind, I headed to my first duty station overseas. After a few enroute changes, it was determined that I would be assigned to the deputy commander of operations administration section. The NCO in charge of the section was a staff sergeant, Staff Sgt. Lionel Robertson.

One can only surmise that when Robertson heard a second lieutenant was being assigned to the section, he was not happy. Up to then he was the senior member of the section and in charge. With the addition of an officer in charge, how would his role as leader in the section change?

Remembering the advice, "Find a good NCO and stay close," upon meeting Robertson, I extended my hand, introduced myself and stated, "Staff Sgt. Robertson, I don't know any-

thing." Not knowing whether or not Robertson was a good NCO, I requested, "Show me the way." Fortunately for me, he agreed. I didn't know when Robertson was a senior airman, he was lead administrator for the United States Air Force Demonstration Team: the Thunderbirds. Unbeknownst to me at the time, at 15 years of service, Robertson would be Chief Master Sgt. Robertson. Little did I know at the time, at 25 years of service, Robertson would bestow on me the honor of being the narrator at his retirement ceremony.

Robertson was the first of a long line of "good NCOs" I have had the pleasure to "find and stay close to" during my 22 year Air Force career. It was important for me to find Robertson during my first assignment and to seek out other good NCOs in my other ten assignments. As a colonel and recent commander of the 355th Support Group, the need to find good NCOs daily and stay close to them is both critical and essential.

D-M is blessed with outstanding NCOs and it has been my distinct honor and pleasure to "stay close" to them over the past



Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke

Col. Francis Hendricks says farewell to Master Sgt. Greg Pleasant, 355th Wing, as he relinquishes his command of the 355th Support Group.

two years. As I prepare to relinquish command of the support group, I thank each of you for your dedicated service and for "showing me the way."

As NCOs, I remind each of you of your continued inherent responsibility to lead and mold airmen into NCOs and to shape and mentor officers into leaders. For it has been through the acceptance of this responsibility and the collective efforts of all NCOs across all services that our nation has fielded and maintains the greatest military the world has ever known.

In case you were wondering who was the retired senior NCO and seasoned combat veteran who offered the sage advice, "Find a good NCO and stay close," it was my dad. A veteran of World War II, Korean War, and the Vietnam War, my dad was my first "good NCO" long before I knew I had a military calling. As he looks down from above, I'm certain he watches with great pride and admiration at today's NCO corps who are true to their mission and true to their people. Thank you D-M NCOs for allowing me to "stay close."

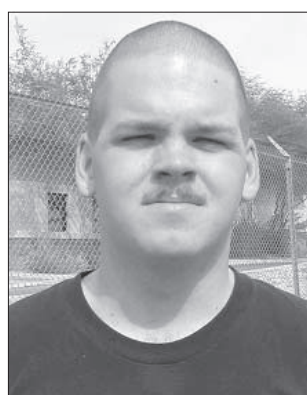
Final Answer

What unsual superstitions do you have?



Linda Smith
355th Logistics
Support Squadron

"When I see a hearse I must cover my thumbs until it is no longer in my sight. This is supposed to protect you from ill health or fate."



**Airman 1st Class
Jeffery Thacker**
42nd Airborne
Command and
Control Squadron

"My final answer is if you sharpen a knife on Sunday, you will cut yourself with it before the week is out."



**Tech. Sgt.
Scott Dougan**
355th Comptroller
Squadron

"Never step on white lines crossing a baseball feild. If you do, it's a sure 0 for 4."



**Senior Airman
Joyce Foxwell**
355th Security
Forces Squadron

"Always flush hair in the toilet after it's cut. Don't throw it in the trash. In theory it holds your personal-ity and memories. If the wrong person gets a hold of it they can hex you or make a voodoo doll of you."



**Airman 1st Class
Nicole Brown**
355th Security
Forces Squadron

"I believe sweeping someone elses feet prevents marriage. I don't like it when people are sweeping and sweep over my my feet. It makes me furious."



Michelle Marinelli
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"I still have a bad feeling about a black cat crossing my path."

Warriors with EAF mindset

By Gen. John Jumper
AF Chief of Staff

As we enter the new millennium and transition into the Expeditionary Aerospace Force we're in need of "expeditionary warriors" to carry us from our storied history into our boundless future.

We've already seen these expeditionary warriors in action in recent conflicts such as Operation Allied Force. We've also seen them patrolling no-fly zones and defending our nation's interests around the world every day.

Being an expeditionary warrior means having an expeditionary mindset, but it also means ensuring safety principles are at the forefront of all you do.

We're in need of expeditionary warriors because the way our business of war fighting has changed. The EAF requires us to be light, lean and lethal, and it represents a shift in the way our leaders employ our Air Force. The Air Force's stock and trade are in getting to the fight fast, so we need to develop the capabilities necessary to quickly become operational once our forces arrive.

We can't afford to do this at the expense of safety. So, while the way we carry out our

business has changed, the way we safely prepare, train and employ our forces hasn't changed, and won't change.

Safety becomes an even more important aspect in our new expeditionary role where frequent worldwide deployments are the norm. It's in these real-world deployed environments that people are most likely to miss important safety steps or details because they are under pressure; but this is exactly when skipping a step or missing a detail can result in death or cost millions of dollars in damage.

We need expeditionary warriors with this safety-focused mentality like never before because our people have experienced a spike in operations and personnel tempos, and we've seen a surge in the tasking of aircrews, particularly our reconnaissance, rescue and other low-density and high-demand assets. As our people's stress levels increase, so does the potential for mishaps. In addition, we've also heard so many safety buzzwords and seen so many new initiatives that, to some, safety has become cliché. Nothing could be more dangerous to our lives and our mission than such complacency.

In theory, operational risk management is not a new concept. The idea of weighing risks

and balancing them against desired outcomes is something we've always done. ORM merely formalizes this concept into a process that's easily understood and should be used daily by everyone. The importance of ORM has been repeatedly demonstrated, because about 80 percent of all mishaps can be attributed to human factors.

The good news is that it appears we're on an upswing with safety. During last year's "101 Critical Days of Summer," ACC had the fewest fatalities in the command's history. In fiscal 1999 statistics we see that, as an Air Force, we had the fewest fatalities ever. While our goal will always remain zero, it seems the tide is turning. I believe it is turning because of strong leadership and making ORM a part of how we do business.

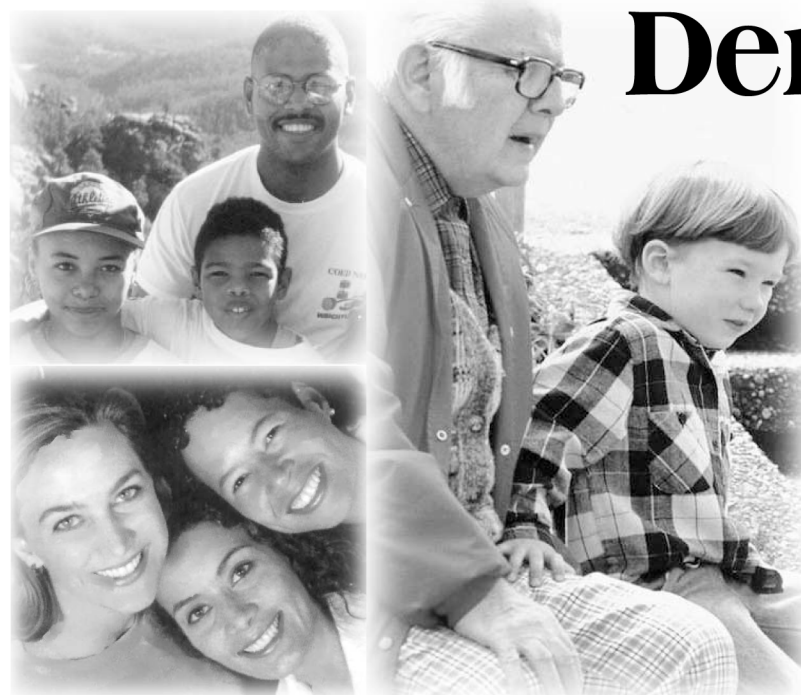
In pilot or operator language, we all have the authority to "knock it off" when something doesn't seem safe. It's much better to start over or change plans than have to explain to family or friends why they lost someone they loved unnecessarily.

We're a new Air Force and we need a new type of warrior. We need warriors who have an expeditionary mindset, who understand that we can't afford to do business as usual in our new EAF construct. The expeditionary warrior mindset means adhering to the safety ideas that help make us the world's strongest and most respected Air Force.



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Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member (officer, enlisted or civilian) of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Desert Lightning community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)

Name: Staff Sgt. Jared Scoggins

Organization: 355th Logistics Support Squadron

Duty title: Circuit card repair technician

Hometown: Salinas, Calif.

Years of service: Five years

Reason for joining the Air Force: I joined the Air Force to travel and further my education.

Main responsibilities: Inspect, repair, modify and functional check circuit cards, various aircraft parts, test equipment and various base support equipment.

Best aspects of the job: I am able to repair many items with problems that elude other technicians.

I am also able to work with such a variety of parts that I am always challenged and never bored.

Goals: My goal is to finish my bachelor's degree and apply for Officer Training School.

Hobbies, outside activities: I like to travel, go camping and working on cars.

Favorite thing about D-M: Its great for outside activities.

Best assignment: My best assignment was at Kadena Air Force Base. I lived less than five minutes from the East China Sea.

Inspiration: My father because he always worked hard for everything he had.

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The following were selected for Senior Airman Below-the-Zone in June, 2002:

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- Airman 1st Class Olivia Cervantes, 355th Transportation Squadron
- Airman 1st Class Mina Gomez,

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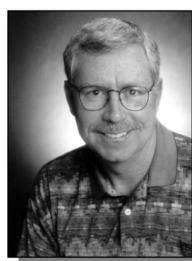
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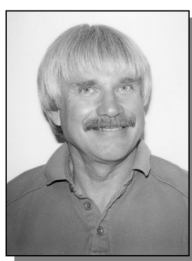
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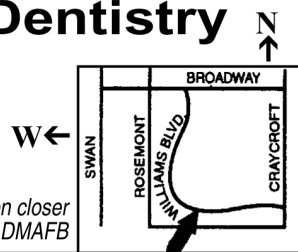


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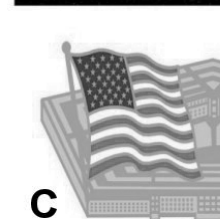
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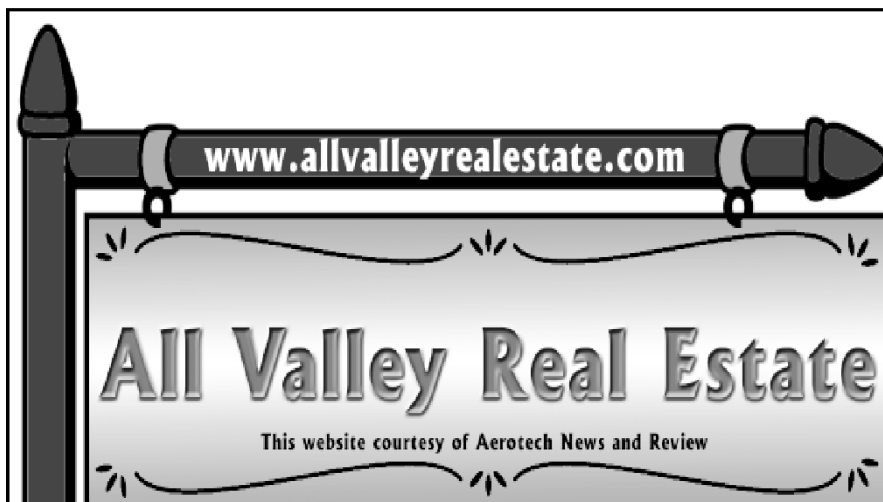
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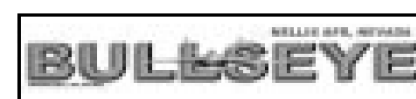
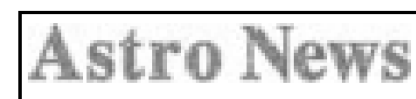
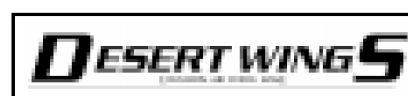
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The Air Force guy manages to climb out of his car and surveys the damage. He looks at his twisted car and says, "Man, I am really lucky to be alive!"

Likewise the Army guy scrambles out of his car and looks at his wreckage. He too says to himself, "I can't believe I survived this wreck!"

The Army guy walks over to the Air Force guy and says, "Hey man, I think this is a sign from God that we should put away our petty differences and live as friends instead of archrivals?"

The Air Force guy thinks for a moment and says, "You know, you're absolutely right! We should be friends. Now I'm gonna see what else survived this wreck."

So the Air Force guy pops open his trunk and finds a full, unopened bottle of Jack Daniels. He says to the Army guy, "I

think this is another sign from God that we should toast to our new found understanding and friendship."

The Army guy replies, "You're darn right!" and he grabs the bottle and starts sucking down Jack Daniels. After putting away nearly half the bottle the Army guy hands it back to the Air Force guy and says, "Your turn!"

The Air Force guy twists the cap back on the bottle and says, "Nahh, I think I'll wait for the cops to show up."

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By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

This year's Fourth of July celebration passed without incident due, in part, to the newly directed United States Customs Service Tucson Air Branch located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Prior to Sept. 11, the U.S. Customs Service's primary mission was drug interdiction. They offered air-to-ground and air-to-air support to deter drug trafficking. In addition, the Customs Service was solely responsible for air security in the U.S. While they still focus on facilitating and regulating global trade laws, President Bush's plan to consolidate several federal agencies and departments into a new Department of Homeland Security has altered custom's chief mission to that of counter terrorism.

"This only means an expanded role for the customs division," said Dennis Lindsay, Customs Service's Tucson Air Branch chief. "Our law enforcement capabilities and technology will expand, giving us new tactics to battle the threat."

Future technology in the battle against terrorism may include portable systems that allow officers to send fingerprints and photos of suspects directly from the field to a database of terrorist information. This would allow them to streamline communication and



While on an intelligence gathering mission in an AS-350 AStar, U.S. Customs Officers came across a suspicious Cessna 182. Following the aircraft they radioed the Air Marine Interdiction Coordination Center to verify that the Cessna had a legitimate flight plan.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott Pilon

U.S. Customs Patrol Officers requested assistance apprehending illegal backpackers transporting drugs into the U.S. Officers discovered the suspects 10 miles east of Sells, Ariz. (Above) Officers David Gasho and David Ray escort

better monitor border activity.

"While concerned with the activities of smugglers in the past, customs now has to look at all suspects as potential terrorists," said Peter Hermes, Customs Service's Tucson Air Branch deputy chief.

In addition, U.S. Customs Service now works in conjunction with the Department of Defense in regards to air security. But the Customs Service Air Branch at D-M is no stranger to cooperation with other divisions.

Sporting an arsenal of 75 people, 55 of whom are pilots, customs uses UH-60A Blackhawks, Citation 550s, Cessna 210s and AS-350 AStars to conduct surveillance, reconnaissance photography, apprehension and air pursuits. Their area of responsibility extends through Arizona, Utah, Nevada and Idaho.

As the largest and most active branch in the nation, the U.S. Customs Service's Air Branch in Tucson is utilized as a vital equipment and manpower support by law enforcement agencies, like Border Patrol, throughout the country. They continuously lend air assets to help agencies complete missions.

Sept. 11, customs sent a team of three UH-60A Blackhawks and close to 40 personnel, including maintenance, on an Air Force C-5 to New York to provide assistance to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Secret Service.

With 40 personnel, six UH-60A Blackhawks, four Citation 550s and two AS-

apprehended suspects to an awaiting UH-60A Blackhawk for transfer to the Sells office for processing. (Below) Upon being discovered, the two backpackers immediately gave themselves up.



350 AStars, and working in conjunction with the Secret Service, they were also responsible for the air security at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"We were able to provide the Secret Service the air assets needed to complete their Congressional Mandate to maintain air space security at the Olympics," said Brian Shawler, Customs Service's Tucson Air Branch operations officer. "The event was a lot of work and took a lot of hours but the fact that there was no negative outcome made it all worthwhile."

The United States Customs Tucson division has been located at D-M since 1971. Being on the base affords a certain amount of operational security and support.

"We consider ourselves a valuable member of D-M," said Lindsay. "We work together to be a formidable force for the United States."

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42 ACCS major makes waves in competition

By Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke
355th Wing Public Affairs

A major with the 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron won three gold medals in the Grand Canyon State Games swimming competition recently at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

Thomas Wallace, 42nd ACCS chief of mobility, 43, won first place in the 40- to 44-year-old age group for the 50-yard breaststroke, 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard individual medley.

The GCSG, otherwise known as "Arizona Olympics" is a multi-purpose sport competition for Arizona's amateur athletes. This competition was nothing new to



Wallace, who has been competing in the pool since he was 4 years old.

"I learned to swim when I was three," said Wallace. "For my first swimming lesson I was taken out in the middle of a pool in a canoe and dropped into the water."

Wallace agreed this type of lesson seems severe, but that's the way it was done in the '60s.' With the aid of his training, it didn't take long for Wallace to develop a keen interest in swimming as a sport.

"I think it's an excellent sport," said Wallace. "It offers a sense of individual accomplishment." Of course, there's more than one reason Wallace has a love for swimming. "It's a sport that's measurable by time, which makes it easy to track your progress," said Wallace, "and, it's a low impact activity, so it's not hard on your joints."

Because of Wallace's passion for swimming, he spends at least two days a week training at an off-base pool. "When the new fitness center opens up here I'll train four to five days a week at the pool there," said Wallace.

According to Wallace, the pool in the new fitness center is a luxury he's grateful for.

"I pay a fee to use the pool at Udall Park, the hours are restrictive and it's further away."

Wallace's athletic talents don't stop at swimming. "I also like to run, and I'm getting into snowboarding and in-line skating," said Wallace.



Courtesy photos

(Above) Thomas Wallace concentrates before the 100-yard breast stroke begins at the Grand Canyon State Games swimming competition. (Left) Wallace smokes his competitors in the Fun Run held on the flight line here August, 2001.

He's not kidding when he said he likes to run. "I've competed in 56-mile marathons more than once," said Wallace. It doesn't stop at just the long marathons either.

Wallace said he competed with the Air Force team in the Iron Man Triathlon World Championship in Hawaii three times since 1992. "The Iron Man Triathlon competition consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycle ride and a 26.2-mile marathon." Each one of those events by itself is challenging enough, but one right after another is physically painful, according to Wallace. "I've been in a lot of pain afterwards, but the sense of accomplishment

makes it well worth it."

Although Wallace's accomplishments are a result of a great deal of focus and disciplined training, he gives credit to other areas as well. "God gives each of us specific talents," said Wallace, "swimming is one of my gifts." Wallace doesn't let his gifts go to waste.

"I don't look at these competitions as events, but a journey," he said. "It's all just a part of life and I want to get the best of it."

According to Wallace, no matter what life offers him, he wants to perform to his maximum ability. So far he has proven himself successful through swimming and other activities.

Sports Shorts

Fitness Factoid

Stretching preserves flexibility, which can make many daily activities - from tying your shoelaces to working in the garden - much easier. Before your stretching routine, warm up your muscles (five to 10 minutes of moderate activity). Gradually increase the time you hold each stretch to 30 seconds. Stretch three to four times a week. (Courtesy of the fitness center)

Women's soccer team

Are you female? Do you have a military I.D., and do you like to play soccer? The base women's soccer team would like to meet you. Even if you have no experience with soccer,

but can run (are in good shape) they'll teach you the rest. It will cost \$35 to register, because they play in a local Tucson soccer league on different fields throughout the city. No professional players are allowed in the league. Practices are every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the field near the auto skills center. Call Aysha Staha at 624-3463, Brandy Grucella at 584-0977, Christina Demme at 296-1097 or Sam Salinas (coach) at 370-1690 for more information.

ACC Crud tournament

Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., hosts the 2002 ACC Crud Tournament beginning Sept. 5. Desert Lightning competitors hoping to

show off their world-class crud skills at the Nellis tournament practice at the officer's club — record play began Wednesday. The final match to determine the representing team for D-M is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 9. All officer's club members are invited to visit practices sessions and matches to cheer on their favorite teams. For more information, call 228-3477.

Golf, beverage specials

Due to afternoon watering, the "after 4 p.m." Blanchard Golf Course special was moved up to 3 p.m. ... includes unlimited

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golfing with a cart for only \$7. Also take advantage of their "after 4 p.m. beverage special," — sodas are only 50 cents and beer is \$1.50! Valid through Sept. 30. For more information, call 228-3734.

Gymnastics classes

Gymnastics classes are now being offered at the youth center for ages 2-18. Space is limited. For fees and other information, call 228-8844.

Salt River tubing trip

Tube down the Salt River July 20 with Outdoor Recreation. Cost is only \$10 per person and includes transportation. Tube rentals are \$12 at the Salt River and include shuttle service (drivers license required for tubes). For more information and additional rules concerning children, contact Outdoor Recreation at 228-4491.

Pre-season volleyball

Pre-season intramural volleyball starts July 22. Games will be played at the new fitness center.

Swim lessons

There are still openings available in summer swim session #4, July 23 to August 3. Session times are 8 to 8:50 a.m. for Levels 3 to 7; 9 to 9:50 a.m. for Levels 1 to 3; and 10 to 10:50 a.m. for Levels 2 and 3. Cost is \$25 with a pool pass — \$30 without. Sign up at the base pool or call them at 228-3759 for more information.

Sunset trail ride

Outdoor Recreation is sponsoring a Sunset

Trail Ride in the Fort Huachuca Mountains July 27. Cost is only \$35 per person and includes a BBQ dinner, drinks and transportation. Children must be at least 7 years of age to ride; anyone younger than 18 must wear a helmet. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 228-4491.

Men's soccer tryouts

Tryouts for the men's soccer team begin July 29 at the field behind the auto skills center. Tryouts will be held each Tuesday and Friday beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, call Jason Bowersock at 228-9527 or 370-5736; or Justin Canale at 881-9059.

Korean martial arts

Learn traditional martial arts as they are taught in Korea. Classes focus on practical self-defense, physical fitness, personal development, self-discipline, respect, self-confidence, and Korean language and etiquette. Classes are located in the aerobics room in the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center. Classes are held Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and are taught by James Pumarejo, 3rd Degree Black Belt.

Air Force Marathon

People can now register online for the 2002 U.S. Air Force Marathon, scheduled for Sept. 21 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. All levels of marathoners, including people in wheelchairs, from around the world are invited to participate in the marathon, which is traditionally held the third Saturday of September. More than 350 runners have already registered, said Tom Fisher, marathon coordinator. "That number is double what we had this time last year," he

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Intramural - Wednesday (current as of July 3)

Team	W-L-T
LSS	6-0-0
SFS	5-1-0
MDG	4-1-0
612 ACOMS	4-1-1
CES	4-2-0
357 FS	3-2-0
BSS/MSS	2-4-0
372 TRS	2-5-0
355 EMS	2-5-0

Intramural -Thursday (current as of June 27)

Team	W-L-T
CRS	5-0-1
42 ACCS	5-0-1
SVS	4-1-0
TRS	4-1-1
Wing Staff	4-2-0
25 OWS	3-2-1
43 ECS	2-3-0
TRANS	2-4-0
SUPS	1-4-1
COMM	1-5-0
CONS	1-5-0
43 ECS	0-5-1

said. Those registrants represent 34 states and three countries. The first U.S. Air Force Marathon was held Sept. 20, 1997, to coincide with the Air Force's 50th anniversary. The governing body of long-distance running in the United States, U.S.A. Track and Field, certified the course in 1997. Air Force Marathon officials asked for certification to assure participants the course is exactly 26 miles, 385 yards. Runners will receive a 2002 Air Force Marathon T-shirt and patch. Participants who finish the marathon within the eight-hour time limit will receive a medalion. Registration deadline is Sept 4. To register, or for more information, visit the marathon Web site (www.afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil), or call the marathon office at (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

Summer special

The Dang Soo Do (Korean Karate) instructor is offering summer specials to fit your needs. Come out and receive your first class free; get two weeks of instruction and a free uniform for \$30; or get three months of instruction and a free uniform for \$100. For class times, see the fitness center schedule. For more information, call James Pumarejo at 990-1144.

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Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: Mass is at 5 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m.

Daily: Catholic Mass or Communion is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

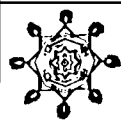
IDS Contacts

Following are the contact numbers for the Integrated Delivery System, dedicated to creating new programs and improving Quality of Life.

Base Suicide Prevention.....	228-4926
Chapel Services.....	228-5411
Community Programs Office.....	228-6040
Critical Incident Stress Management Team.....	228-4926
Drug Demand Reduction.....	228-4926
Family Advocacy.....	228-2104
Family Support Center (FSC).....	228-5690
Health & Wellness Center (HAWC).....	228-2294
Legal Office.....	228-5242
Life Skills Support Center.....	228-4926
Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment (ADAPT).....	228-5507
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Community Activities & Services

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Scrap Booking Class

The arts and crafts center offers a Scrap Booking Class Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. For reservations, call 228-4385.

Deployed Spouse Seminar

The family support center Hearts Apart Program has a group night at the movies Sunday at 1 p.m. featuring the movie Spirit: Stallion of the Cimaron. For more information, call 228-5690.

Transition Assistance Program

The next monthly family support center Transition Assistance Program seminar is Wednesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 3200, Room 266. Primary focus is on preparing departing service members to conduct an effective job search in the civilian marketplace. Key subject areas covered include job search, resume, interview, civilian dress and veteran's benefits. Individuals retiring are eligible to attend two years prior to their retirement. Others separating can attend within a year from separation. For reservations, call 228-5690.

Children's Summer Program

The arts and crafts center offers a children's summer program each Tuesday

and Friday in July from 1 to 3 p.m. Children learn a wide variety of crafting techniques including how to make magnets, picture frames, rubber stamped clay bracelets and more. Stop by the arts and crafts center to pick up a full listing of classes and prices.

New Fitness and Sports Center

The grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony for the new fitness and sports center is 8 a.m. July 19 at the main entrance. Following the grand opening, the 2002 Health and Fitness Expo will begin in the gymnasium featuring guest speakers and more than 50 local sponsors onhand to provide information on various programs. There will also be prize and cash giveaways throughout the day. The center officially opens for use after the expo at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call

Aero Club survey

The 355th Communication Squadron is conducting a survey at <https://intranet/first6/AeroClubSurvey.htm> to determine if D-M should have an Aero Club. The site is for all active-duty personnel, contractors and government civilians. For more information, call Gary Verbois at 228-4610.

Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop will be closed until July 30.

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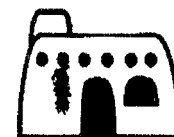
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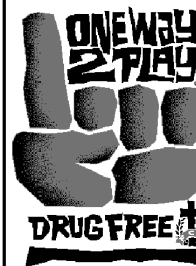
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Friday and Saturday Letters From the Front WWII

A Broadway style show called *Letters from the Front WWII* is at the D-M theater July 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. The story reveals the sacrifices of ordinary Americans in wartime and shows the true heart of those willing to pay the ultimate price for freedom. Free tickets are available at the community center. For more information, call 228-3717.



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Education Services

Troops to teachers briefing

There is a Troops to Teachers briefing July 24 at 1 p.m. in Bldg. 3200. Learn the certification process and requirements for becoming a teacher in Arizona. For more information, call Marie Hanna at 228-3812.

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For more information on programs that offer active-duty enlisted personnel the

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AECOP Update

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- Community Center**.....228-3717
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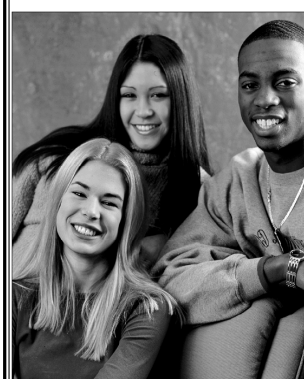
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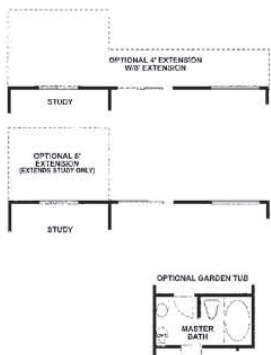
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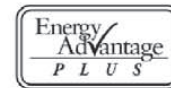
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